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The growing problem of gangs in schools will be addressed at a seminar today at the College of Lake County in Grayslake.

The seminar, sponsored by the Lake County Juvenile Officers Association, school superintendents of the county and the state's attorney's office, will be from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Building C at the college, 19351 W. Washington St.

Scheduled speakers include U.S. Rep. Mark Kirk, Gurnee Police Officer Chad Tompoles, the Rev. John Hernandez and Assistant State's Attorney Christen Bishop.

State's Attorney Michael Waller said the seminar is designed for school administrators, security officers, counselors and law enforcement professionals.

"The conference is part of our overall effort to confront the gang problem in Lake County," Waller said. "We want to do everything we can to keep our school officials on the cutting edge of information about gangs and how to deal with them."

Registration for the seminar is \$15 and can be paid at the door. For details, call Michelle Michaels at (847) 377-7824.

Killer sentenced: A Wisconsin man who admitted beating his father to death at Illinois State Beach Park in Zion was sentenced last week to a year in work release in the Lake County Jail.

Ryan Carroll, 26, of Genoa City, Wis., pleaded guilty to involuntary manslaughter April 26 and could have been sentenced to up to 14 years in prison.

Assistant State's Attorney Eric Kalata said John Carroll, 56, had been living at the campground in the state park in the weeks before the Aug. 24, 2004, confrontation with his son.

The elder Carroll had been making threats against family members, Kalata said, and Ryan Carroll went to the campground to tell him to stop.

The two argued and a fight broke out, which resulted in the elder Carroll bleeding to death after his son unintentionally punctured his lung with a punch.

Circuit Judge Fred Foreman also fined Ryan Carroll \$500 and ordered him to perform 200 hours of community service.

Split decision: A Lake County jury recently acquitted a Trevor, Wis., man of reckless homicide in the death of a Lake Villa Township man, but found him guilty of driving under the influence of drugs.

Ronald Schneider, 42, faces up to a year in jail when he is sentenced Oct. 27 by Circuit Judge Victoria Rossetti.

Assistant State's Attorney Victor O'Block said Schneider's pickup truck struck and killed Albert Shilmon, 39, July 22, 2004.

At the time he was struck, Shilmon was collecting mail from his mailbox on the 37700 block of Route 59.

Defense attorney Elliott Pinsel conceded that Schneider had cocaine in his system when he struck Shilmon, but successfully argued that his client was not driving recklessly.

Had he been convicted of reckless homicide, Schneider would have faced a sentence of up to five years in prison.

Shilmon's survivors have filed a wrongful death lawsuit against Schneider seeking more than \$250,000 in damages.

The suit is pending in Lake County circuit court.

Heard in the hallway: The Mundelein Police Senior Citizen Police Academy starts a new class Wednesday and will meet from 10:30 a.m. to noon Wednesdays for 10 weeks. For details or to register, call Brian Kisselburg at (847) 968-4600.